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In re application: Hamilton, II et al.

Serial No.: 09/687,114

Filed: October 12, 2000

For: Method and System for
Automating the Configuration of a
Storage Area Network

Group Art Unit: 2142

Examiner: Nguyen, Hai V.

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A fee of \$18.00 is required for 1 additional claim in excess of 20. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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